

The Beef Trust is all right—of course it is. It's the other Trust—the one we haven't tackled yet—that will get it in the neck.

The railroad "icing" charge is as elastic as india-rubber and chills the business ambition of the unpreferred shipper. But it melts his profits and warms him under the collar.

I PRESUME it is on the theory that the Constitution doesn't follow the flag, that the Rooseveltian Administration justifies Free Trade on the isthmus of Panama. A right handy doctrine that: it catches our desires "comin' and gwine!"

ACCORDING to Kansas City World, a Chicagoan who refused to move over and give a part of his street car seat to another has been haled into a justice's court and fined \$20. That ought to impress on his porcine mind the fact that two seats at the price of one is not as good a graft as it looks.

CHICAGO is experiencing the unwholesome results of organized Capital as well as the alleged wrongs of unionized Labor. It won't do to put all the blame on the latter, which is but a growth from the evils of monopoly. Monopoly is the forerunner of oppression, and oppression begets desperation.

THE Supreme Court was called upon to correct two more of Folk's mistakes last week. The boodle cases against Gutke and Kelly were reversed on account of error in the proceedings before the lower court. How painfully thin grows the parchment upon which was writ the present Governor's Certificate of Advancement!

WHAT a comment on our boasted civilization was the ingenious remark a Chinese general recently made to an American newspaper correspondent: "For thousands of years we cultivated peace; now, under the tuition of Christian officers, we are creating an army capable of competing with the forces of the outside world."

SAYS the Globe-Democrat editorially: "One-third of the manufactures of civilized countries are produced in the United States, and our exports of manufactured articles have passed \$500,000,000 a year." Evidently, then, we need no longer fear competition from "the pauper labor of Europe." Why not take off the Protection lid?

FROM the Commoner: "Many organs opposed to interfering with the rapacity of the railroads and other corporations are worrying over what might happen if the employees of a government owned road should strike. Just as soon as we hear of postal clerks, department clerks, postmasters and army officers striking we'll begin worrying a little. Did any one ever hear of policemen and firemen going on a strike?"

It seems to me, looking at it by-and-large, that 'twere as well to have the lid off the saloons on Sundays as to have certain evil resorts run night and day, and every day and night, in open and plain violation of law. Every legal contention put forward by the Governor in behalf of the Sunday closing of saloons applies with equal force to the *maison du joie*. Can he not control the police in the one instance as well as the other? His oath of office binds him to the enforcement of all the laws. But—how vain and cheap the glitter of the clap-net Reformer!

RIGHT sturdily is lawlessness driving the nails into Unionism's coffin. How Capital is snickering up its sleeve while the work of murder and outrage, no matter by which side perpetrated, goes on and on. From every drop of the blood that bespatters Chicago's streets springs another growth to the aid of "conservative" despotism. A community will more patiently endure the oppressions of suave-faced Capital than the savage menace of brutal Force. I have but little sympathy for either of the contending factions in this instance. It is a question of "graft" clear through and all around, and neither side seems to care greatly whether its victims be of its own family or in the ranks of its antagonist, while the general public is as the bird to the net of the fowler. Justice stands for nothing with them: the power to accomplish their purposes is the all-in-all. In the end, the Public, always wishing to be just to all, suffers. For some one has to pay, and that some one, neighbor, is you!

THE Missouri State Republican gives an instance where interstate commerce regulation doesn't work so well:

Under its provisions a maximum rate was fixed governing the shipment of lime by rail. It cannot now be transported for less than a certain tariff. Before this law became operative the Missouri Pacific shipped large quantities of lime from Glenoco, near St. Louis, over its Iron Mountain line to Texas points, at a low rate. Why? Because going south the company preferred to haul its cars with lime or any other shipment rather than transport them empty. Experience had shown that cars suffer more from wear and tear, with nothing to steady them, than when loaded down. Consequently the company not only saved this loss from wear and tear but profited by the additional revenue, however low the rate. Incidentally the lime industry profited also. But since the commission fixed a maximum rate, these shipments have ceased, and therefore instead of preventing the railroad company from discriminating against other articles offered for shipment, the Interstate Commerce Commission actually discriminated against both the lime industry and the railroad, in this case.

Put on the lid, put on the lid, And hold it down, yes, hold it down! 'Twas made to fit the city pot As well as that of country town! The Deutscher likes his foaming glass Of amber, thirst-dispelling brew, And Erin's son no less his dram Of belladonna mountain dew.

The Frenchman slips his lighter wine, Bluff Johnny Bull takes 'all-an'-all, While men of every land and clime Some stronger drink than water quaff. I have no fault to find with them, Nor will I judgment enter up 'Gainst any gift the gods us send, From woman fair to cheering cup!

Yet must we fasten tight the lid, Since so the statute nominates: The law's the law for one and all, With no exceptions or rebates! And know a modern Joseph rules By strictest letter of that law, Whose soul no clutch of Mrs. P. Ever could to vice or error draw!

And while the lid is fastened down As hard and tight as it can be, Let all sink poems unto him Who came, to save, from Tennessee! Like moonless night, before he came, Enshrouded 'neath a pall of vice, Our virtues dormant, inert lay, And all was naught as 'twas nice!

And since a better time has come— At least one sober day in seven— The man who pleads his wicked thirst Would growl if he were kicked to heaven! Put on the lid, put on the lid, And hold it down—yes, tightly down! 'Tis made to fit the city pot As well as that of country town!

I AM not enamored of Government ownership of railways or of any other thing not intended for its own exclusive use. I don't like "free" things instituted by government for the use of the citizen. The more utilitarian freedom the less of that ideal liberty which stands for manhood and worth. The State should be the creature of the people, not they the automata and servants of the State. An emperor or a king has his subjects and he rules them—in theory, at least—for their good, and to that end assumes to himself the duty of providing for them the things he holds necessary to their welfare. But the contrary idea rules the Republic. There every individual is a sovereign, and conjointly these sovereigns provide all that is needed to the public service, whose sole legitimate function—morally speaking—is that of protecting the life and property of the citizen. Going beyond that, it takes from him the cares and duties and responsibilities whose avoidance fits the freeman to become the slave.

'Tis the basest ingratitude in Gov. Folk to proclaim a distrust of the ability and desire of the people and officials of Mississippi county to uphold the law. That county was wild for the fake Reformer, in his behalf spitting upon and reviling the then State administration because it refused to fall down before and worship the new god. Surely, if any people are to be trusted to uphold the right and crush out evil, faith must be given to those in the ranks of the righteous. At least, that's the way an unregenerate sinner argues. But Folk, the immaculate, doesn't see it that way. He sends his Republican Attorney-General down into the lowlands to stir up the "moss-backs" and coerce their local servants into upholding the law and the dignity of the State. They were all right when Folk the candidate wanted their votes, but to Folk the Governor they are not good citizens, and he flaunts in their faces his distrust of their will to do their plain duty. No doubt the desire to vaunt himself before the world is the prime cause of his action in the premises, but ingratitude attaches to it all the same. He who seeks profit and advancement by setting up the weaknesses and shortcomings of his neighbors is not admirable in character. The Mississippi delegation to the Democratic State Convention last summer insultingly inscribed on its banner, "We are not Sam Cooked." I would like to know what they think of being Joe Folked, and how they like it. The papers down there are painfully silent in regard to the matter.

MAMMOTH SPECIAL SALE: WASH FABRICS

Beginning THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 11th, and continuing until MAY 31st, we will offer Values in White and Wash Fabrics that will create Wonder and Astonishment: A Mid-Spring Genuine Bargain Sale of Seasonable Goods at Sacrifice Prices; an unusual opportunity for the economical Housewife. Impossible to list all the Good Things, but here are some of them:

TABLE LINEN.

Pure White Table Damask, regular 40c Quality, for 25c a Yard.
50c " 35c "
Excellent Quality Mercerized White Damask, 2 1/2 to 3-yd lengths, worth 90c; during Special Sale, at 65c a yard.
Red Table Damask, 35c quality, at 23c a yard.

WHITE BED SPREADS.

\$1.00 Quality for 75c. \$1.25 Quality for 90c.
\$1.50 Quality for \$1.20.

LACE CURTAINS--LATE DESIGNS.

65c Curtains, during Special Sale - 38c a Pair.
\$1.25 Curtains " - 98c a Pair.
\$1.50 and \$1.75 Curtains " - \$1.25 a Pair.
\$2.25 and \$2.50 Curtains " - \$1.98c a Pair.

TOWELS AND CRASH TOWELING.

Stevens Brown Crash, 10c Value, during this Sale, 3 yds for 20c.
1 Bolt Crash, good 6c quality, at only 3c per Yard

EXTRA SPECIAL.

10 Doz. White Huck Towels, colored border, worth 15c; go at 7 1/2c.
Large lot of Linen Huck Towels, 15c and 20c grades, at 10c each.
Large White Huck Towels, with fringe, 35c quality, for 20c.

SHIRT WAISTS.

New and Stylish, Tucked and Embroidered Fronts, in Mercerized Effects; also, Black and White China Silk.

During this Sale you can buy
65c Waists for 48c. 85c Waists for 65c.
\$1.25 Waists for 95c. \$1.50 & \$1.75 Waists for \$1.25.

EXTRA SPECIAL.

3 Doz. Madras Waists, Neat and Serviceable, 75c Value; Special Sale price, 48c.

LAWNS, DIMITIES, BATISTES, VOILES, LINENS, SILK JACQUARDS, ETC.

All Included in This Great Reduction Sale.

4c Quality Lawns for 2 1/2c a yd. 6c Quality Lawns for 4c a yd.
8c and 10c Qualities Lawns for 5c and 6c a yd.

CALICOES.

A Huge Stock of Carefully Selected Patterns. Your choice of any in the House, during Special Sale, for 5c per Yard.

EXTRA SPECIAL.

3000 Yards Good Calico, all colors, Special Sale price 3c a Yard.

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES SLAUGHTERED!

Never such an opportunity to buy in season at such Low Prices!
5c and 6c Embroidery, during this Sale, at 3c.
10c and 12c " " " " at 7c and 8c.
20c " " " " at 12c.
40c " 12 to 14 inches wide, at 23c.

INDIA LINON--NOW WHILE YOU NEED IT.

10 Pieces Good Quality, only 5c a Yard. All other grades Proportionately Reduced for this Sale.

SWISSES, MULLS and WHITE WAISTING MATERIALS

All Reduced. Profits Annihilated during this Sale.

PERCALES AND DRESS GINGHAMS.

Extraordinary Offer during this Sale:
10c and 12c Quality for 7 1/2c a Yard.
10-Yd Rolls Percale (count guaranteed) for 65c a Roll.
Several Hundred Yards Dress Gingham worth 10c a Yard, during Special Sale at 5c a Yard.

DOMESTICS.

Extra Heavy LL Brown Domestic, yard wide, only 5c a Yard.
Bleached Domestic, 7c Value, for 5c a Yard.
Forest Mills (very Fine Grade), yard wide, regular 9c Quality, during this Sale 6 1/2c a Yard.
Cotton Batts, Good Quality Cotton, only 4 1/2c a Roll.

INFANTS' CAPS

in Great Variety, and Prices such that you will be glad to buy.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

A Large, New Stock. Gowns, Pants, Skirts, Corset Covers, &c. at Greatly Reduced Prices.

COME NOW! DON'T WAIT!

Until the Sale is over, and expect to buy the above Goods at prices named. Remember, this SPECIAL SALE only continues during the MONTH OF MAY!

The place for
Big Bargains

Lopez Store Company

IRONTON,
MISSOURI.

Griffin Excursion Season 1905.

Popular Sunday excursions from St. Louis to Points on the Missouri Pacific Railway and Iron Mountain Route. Ask your Agent for list of dates, and tell your city friends to visit you.

Has Stood the Test 25 Years

The old original Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. You know what you are taking. It is iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. 50c.

Extra heavy yard wide brown Domestic 5c per yard at Lopez Store Co.

If Nervous and Run Down

Simply improve your circulation. Remove the waste matter that clogs the blood by taking Ramon's Pills—then lose the nervous system with the Tonic Pellets. All in one box for 25c, and money back if not satisfied.

Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

For bicycle repairs and repair- ing go to Albert.

Herbine

Will overcome indigestion and dyspepsia; regulate the bowels and cure liver and kidney complaints. It is the best blood enricher and invigorator in the world. It is purely vegetable, perfectly harmless, and should you be a sufferer from disease, you will use it if you are wise. R. N. Andrews, editor and manager Cocoa and Rockledge News, Cocoa, Florida, writes: "I have used your Herbine in my family, and find it a most excellent medicine. Its effects upon myself have been a marked benefit. I recommend it unhesitatingly." 50c, at Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

WANTED—1000 men, women and children to examine E. N. Brown's, successor to Mullin & Brown, shoes. Seeing them means wearing them.

3000 yards Calico, worth 6c yard, will be sold for 3c during special sale at Lopez Store Co.

Commutation Tickets.

Commencing May 1st, 1905, commutation tickets between Ironton, Mo., and St. Louis, Mo., will be on sale at this station, with final limit of all tickets to be Oct. 31st, 1905, at the following rates:
Ten-ride individual tickets \$12.50.
Ten-ride family tickets \$17.50.
C. E. DOWNEY, Agent.

To Cure Constipation

Take just a mite of Liver Food before retiring each night. Ramon's Tonic Regulator supplies it in a palatable form of powder, tea or tonic. 2c, and money back if not satisfied.

Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

The latest things in ladies' exquisite millinery. Ladies' spring summer hats at unheard of low prices at B. N. Brown's.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Soap, perfumes, brushes, combs, face powders, talcum powders and all kinds of notions sold cheaper at B. N. Brown's than anywhere in town.

Exposure

To cold draughts of air, to keen and cutting winds, sudden changes of temperature, scanty clothing, undue exposure of the throat and neck after public speaking and singing, Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the best cure. Mrs. A. Barr, Houston, Texas, writes, January 31, 1902: "One bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup cured me of a very bad cough. It is very pleasant to take." 25c, 50c, \$1.00, at Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

Something new. Corno Horse and Mule feed and Creamo Dairy Feed. Feeds that are pure. Try them. For sale at Ironton Mfg. Co.'s Mill.

Gold Medal Flour at the lowest price at Greater Bonanza.

We have a large stock of dry salt and smoked meats, breakfast bacon, premium bacon and hams, and prices are very low when quality is considered. 'Phone No. 41. H. Barnhouse, Ironton, Mo.

To Cure a Cough

Take Ramon's English Cough Syrup in small doses during the day, then sleep at night. A pine tar ball without morphine. 25c at all dealers.

Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

NOTICE OF LETTERS.

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration upon the estate of J. W. Hancock, late of Iron county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, Arthur Huff, by the Judge of the Probate Court of the county of Iron, hearing date the 1st day of May, 1905. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within one year after the date of said Letters, or they may be precluded from any benefits of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

Ironton, May 5, 1905.
ARTHUR HUFF, Administrator.